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April 30, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

52 April 30, 2013

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION FOUNDATION (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to make voluntary contributions to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation on behalf of the Board and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, respectively.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

1. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of the Board, to make a voluntary contribution to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 annually for five years, totaling \$50,000.
2. Authorize the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to make a voluntary contribution for the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 annually for five years, totaling \$50,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation, an independent nonprofit environmental organization, was founded in 1991 to restore and enhance the Santa Monica Bay and local coastal

waters. The Foundation raises and expends funds for research, education, planning, cleanup efforts, and priorities identified in the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan. All the work and programs sponsored by the Foundation are funded by reimbursable grants. The Foundation is also a nonprofit partner and a fiscal agent to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.

The Commission, a nonregulatory State agency, was initially established in 1988 as the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project and renamed in 2003, to oversee and promote the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan by securing and leveraging funds to implement practical solutions, build public private partnerships, promote cutting edge research and technology, and raise public awareness.

The Foundation is currently pursuing a communitywide initiative to raise a cash reserve to support activities performed by the Foundation in partnership with the Commission. The cash reserve is needed to maintain adequate staffing, accept grants, and pay for the operating costs between grant reimbursements. The Foundation is asking the governing board members of the Commission that include the Board of Supervisors, Third Supervisorial District, the Director of the Department of Public Works, which includes the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), the cities within the Santa Monica Bay Watershed, special water districts, and nongovernment environmental organizations to make a voluntary contribution to the Foundation. Participation by the Commission's governing board members provide a solid groundwork for outreach to local corporations and private partners to support the Foundation.

The Foundation's goal is to raise \$600,000 cash reserve in five years from the voluntary contribution of the governing board members of the Commission. The voluntary contribution is based on a formula that factors in the size and scope of services of the members within the Santa Monica Bay Watershed. The annual voluntary contribution from the Board and Public Works representing the LACFCD, based on the formula, is \$10,000 each for five years starting in Fiscal Year 2012-13.

Many programs supported by the Foundation and the Commission help both the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles and LACFCD in their efforts to enhance water quality and meet the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit requirements in the Santa Monica Bay. For example, the Commission recently approved a recommendation to award \$2 million in grant funding to Public Works for the Oxford Retention Basin Multi-Use Enhancement Project in the unincorporated area of Marina Del Rey.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) by maximizing opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services. The voluntary contribution will assist the Foundation and Commission in their continual efforts to develop, manage, and fund innovative and cost-effective programs to improve water quality and clean the urban runoff in the Santa Monica Bay.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Board's annual voluntary contribution is \$10,000 a year for five years starting in Fiscal Year 2012-13. Sufficient funds to cover the annual voluntary contribution are available in Fiscal Year 2012-13 Public Works General Fund Budget, and will be made available in Recommended Fiscal Years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17 Public Works General Fund Budget through the annual budget process (Unincorporated Area Stormwater Program Net County Cost).

Public Works' voluntary contribution is \$10,000 a year for five years starting in Fiscal Year 2012-13. Sufficient funds to cover the annual voluntary contribution are available in Fiscal Year 2012-13 and will be made available in Recommended Fiscal Years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17 from the Flood Control District Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On June 24, 2003, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky was appointed as a commissioner to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. The Director of Public Works serves on the Executive Committee of the Commission's governing board.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed actions are not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they are an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378 (b) of the CEQA Guidelines. These proposed actions would create a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to a specific project, which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no adverse impact on current services.

CONCLUSION

Please return three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Watershed Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL FARBER
Director

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County Counsel
Executive Office